



April 17, 2017

Honorable Members of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission  
Town of West Hartford  
Town Hall Common  
50 South Main Street  
West Hartford, CT 06107

RE: Application for a Special Use Permit to add Outdoor Dining at Murasaki, 23 Lasalle Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110

Dear Honorable Members of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission:

Murasaki Japanese Restaurant, at 23 Lasalle Road, would like to add outdoor dining. Murasaki is bounded on the north and south by retail stores and by Lasalle Road on the east and parking on the north. This 38 seat restaurant features sushi and Japanese cuisine.

SUP Proposal

Murasaki proposes:

- To add 4 seats for outdoor dining along the front of the restaurant:

177-37.2.

A. Space definition/ location

1. 23 Lasalle Road has one of the larger expanses of sidewalk in the town; its depth at Murasaki being 15'-3 3/4". While the property line at Murasaki is only 5'-2 3/4" from the building, there is still 9'-7" of sidewalk (and another 6" of curb) beyond the property making this sidewalk wider than most of the other sidewalks in the town.

Murasaki would like to add outdoor dining within its property boundary facing Lasalle Road. Since Murasaki's main entry door is on the left (south) side of its façade, Murasaki proposes an outdoor dining area to the right (north) of the main door. The approach to the main entry will be 4'-9" wide.

To provide comfort and safety in this location for its outdoor diners Murasaki proposes to enclose the perimeter of the outdoor dining area with a 3'-0" tall white vinyl fence set on white vinyl posts with steel supporting feet approximately 4'-0" to 5'-0" from post to post.

2. Murasaki proposes to leave its existing retractable awning in place. This awing extends out 5'-0" from the building.
3. There are no fire connections to 991 Farmington Avenue, so there are no fire connection obstructions.
4. The 3'-0" railing meets the Liquor Control Board's standards.
5. The outdoor dining area is flush with the existing restaurant interior and the adjacent roadbed.

B. Operations

1. The outdoor dining area will be fully capable of accommodating disabled patrons.
2. The door to the outdoor dining areas has a self-closing mechanism.
3. Murasaki has submitted plans of the proposed outdoor dining areas to the West Hartford – Bloomfield Health District.
  - (a) The kitchen facilities are sufficient and adequate to service the restaurant and outdoor seating areas.
  - (b) There will be no outdoor service area.
  - (c) Since there will be full table service for the outdoor seating area, all trash will be cleared by the wait staff. There will be no waste receptacles outside.
  - (d) The existing 3 water closets (1 ADA unisex, 1 men and 1 staff are sufficient for the 38 seats inside and 4 seats outside (225 seats allowable).

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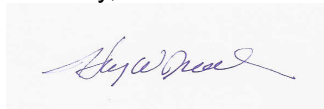
4. Murasaki does not intend to have heaters for its patio dining.
5. Murasaki does not intend to have stereo speakers for its patio dining.
6. NA
7. All outdoor dining activities cease at 12:00 AM, which is the closing time for the restaurant. The restaurant does not open until 11:30 AM.
8. Other than service animals, no animals will be permitted in the outdoor dining area.
9. Murasaki will light each table by means of battery powered lamps at each table as needed.

C. Maintenance

1. Murasaki understands that cleanliness is critical to the success of the patio seating and will continue to maintain its facility at the highest of standards. While the tables are the responsibility of the wait staff, the outdoor dining area will be overseen by the restaurant manager on duty. Typically, a table will be cleared completely as soon as its customers leave. In busy times, a bus person is added to aid in clearing the area. Spills and drops will be cleaned immediately by either the wait staff or the bus boys. There is a wait station just inside the door that will be used to service the outdoor dining area.
2. All trash will be cleared by the wait staff.
3. Murasaki will use the existing retractable awning to shade patrons.
4. The tables and chairs are made of steel and painted. Soft cushions may be added from time to time.
5. During the off season, the outdoor furniture will be stored in the garage storage area in the rear of the restaurant. This storage area is sufficiently large to accommodate all the outdoor furniture.

Please feel free to call us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Sheldon Crosby, AIA, L'ARC Architects